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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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A1
A network management system includes a plurality of network devices operating in a coordinated manner and a management server managing the plurality of network devices. The management server includes means for defining policy information and means for generating setup information using policy information to generate setup information for each network device. The following operations are performed: an operation to generate setup information for each network device; an operation to distribute setup information to each network device; an operation to install setup information to each network device; an operation to enable settings; an operation to collect setup information for each network device; and an operation to organize and check for consistency in the collected information. These operations are performed to generate settings for the plurality of network devices in a consistent manner and also to check setup information that has already been generated to see that there are no inconsistencies.--